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12 October 1960

25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]  
Office of the Director

SUBJECT: Clearance of OSS Information for Publication in the  
Foreign Relations Series of the Department of State

REFERENCE: Letter from Addressee for Mr. R. A. Winnacher, OSD  
Historian, dated 23 February 1960.

1. Herewith a preliminary report on action taken pursuant to the request by DDCI--which you turned over to me late yesterday--for a detailed statement of objections to publication by the Department of State of certain material bearing on OSS operations during the Second World War.

2. Initial inquiries disclose that the original recommendation by FI Staff against publication of the material listed in referenced letter was based on considerations adduced, not only by FI itself, but also by the Executive Officer, SSU ([redacted]), the Office of Security, the Inspector General, Near East and Africa Divisions, and Generals Erskine and Lansdale.

3. Office of Security and SSU records contain only a part of the material needed for a report of the kind requested.

4. In the light of the foregoing, it was agreed today, by Messrs. [redacted] representatives of the Office of Security and myself, that new statements would be obtained from AF and NE Divisions of their views regarding the desirability of publishing each of the documents in question. The divisions' views and those of the Office of Security, the Executive Officer, SSU and FI Staff will then be incorporated in a report for DDCI.

5. Meanwhile I append herewith, as relevant and possibly interesting, excerpts from two papers in [redacted]'s file:

a. Memorandum <sup>from</sup> for the Acting Director of Security ([redacted])  
[redacted] for the Director of Central Intelligence. 19 February  
1960:

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"4. It was the opinion of those who reviewed the galleys that portions of the galleys should not be declassified,

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since public disclosure of this information might adversely affect current methods and sources of the Agency".

[The portions of the galleys referred to are those listed in your letter of 23 February 1960 to Mr. Winnacher.]

- b. Memorandum from General Erskine for Mr. Winnacher. 22 March 1960:

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"Since the Secretary of Defense is involved in sensitive matters relating to the French, to the governments in North Africa, and to NATO, it is puzzling to us exactly why a member of the Secretary's staff is pressing so hard for the release of information which so obviously involves our French allies and various factions in North Africa, and which could possibly embarrass or harm current U.S. positions in discussions in Europe attended by the Secretary and other Defense Officials."

[Redacted Signature]

Deputy Chief, FI/[Redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cabell

A preliminary report on our problem.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Office of the Director

SUBJECT : Clearance of OSS Information for Publication in the  
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1. Herewith a third progress report of action on DDCI's request for statements of the objections to State Department publication of certain material bearing on OSS operations during the Second World War.

2. Statements on the papers dealing with the Hoskins Mission have been concurred in by the Executive Officer, SSU, [REDACTED], representatives of the Office of Security and AF and NE Divisions, and the undersigned.

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3. Statements on the other two sets of documents have been drafted by the undersigned and submitted, for comment and/or concurrence, to the representatives of other components concerned identified in Para 2.

4. A covering memorandum will be drafted to accompany agreed versions of statements on all three sets of documents and submitted to the Chief, Foreign Intelligence, for his signature. Will it be agreeable to address this memorandum to DDCI through you?

(5. The other two sets of documents deal with preparations for the North African landings and with attempts to keep Spanish Morocco neutral.)

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Deputy Chief, FI/[REDACTED]

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18 October 1960

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Office of the Director

SUBJECT : Clearance of OSS Information for Publication in the  
Foreign Relations Series of the Department of State

1. Herewith a second progress report of action on DDCI's request for statements of the objections to State Department publication of certain material bearing on OSS operations during the Second World War:

2. The Executive Officer, SSU, ([REDACTED]) and the undersigned met yesterday with representatives of the Office of Security and AF and NE Divisions, examined the material in question, discussed the security and other considerations involved, and agreed as follows:

a. All present tentatively approved a draft statement, prepared by the undersigned, of objections to the publication of the documents bearing on the Hoskins Mission. This statement, typed in final form, will be sent to all participants for their comment and/or definitive concurrence.

b. The undersigned will prepare statements of the same sort on each of the other documents to whose publication there are objections, and these statements, too, will be sent to all interested components, together with the relevant galley proofs, for comment and/or concurrence.

3. I shall keep you informed from time to time of progress in this undertaking. Meanwhile, guidance and/or other comment from you would be most welcome as indicated.

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Deputy Chief, FI/[REDACTED]

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